

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~In the information providing apparatus recited in claim 1, the information providing method recited in claim 8, and the program storage medium recited in claim 15,~~ As one example, the first information processing unit is authenticated, the second information processing unit is authenticated, the reception, from the first information processing unit, of the transmission request for data for identifying the second information processing unit and a key is controlled, the transmission request for the key is sent to the second information processing unit on the basis of the data for identifying the second information processing unit, the reception of the key from the second information processing unit is controlled, and the transmission of the key to the first information processing unit is controlled.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~In the information processing apparatus recited in claim 16, the information processing method recited in claim 23, and the program storage medium recited in claim 30,~~ As another example, the first information providing unit is authenticated, the transmission of a transmission request for data for identifying the second information providing unit that provides a key and the key to the first information providing unit is controlled, the key is provided from the second information providing unit to the first information providing unit, and the reception of the provided key is controlled.